

REMARKS

Prior to the entry of this paper, Claims 8-19, 21, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-117, 119, 121, 122, 124, 126, and 127 were pending. Claims 8-18, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-116, 121, 122, 124, 126, and 127 were allowed, Claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 117, 119, 120, 123, and 125 were rejected.¹ In this paper, Claims 19 and 117 are amended, and no new claims are added. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. After entry of this paper, Claims 8-19, 21, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-117, 119, 121, 122, 124, 126, and 127 will be pending. For at least the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the remaining pending claims is now in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' attorneys, John Branch and Benjamin Han, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Harrison on February 25, 2009. Applicants' attorneys thank Examiner Harrison for the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the interview, and a follow-up telephone conversation on March 3, 2009. During the interview, confusion regarding the current rejections was discussed. Specifically, the rejection of Claims 19 and 117, which had been amended to include the allowable subject matter of now-cancelled Claims 20 and 118, respectively, was discussed. The Examiner indicated that although the cited reference (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0103489 to MacInnis et al.) did not disclose "a tiled graphics image," the rejection of Claims 19 and 117 was maintained because of the recitation of Markush Groups. During the follow-up conversation, the Examiner indicated that an amendment to Claims 19 and 117 eliminating the Markush Group and incorporating the allowable subject matter of Claims 20 and 118 would likely be sufficient to overcome the current rejections.

Accordingly, independent Claims 19 and 117 have been amended in accordance with the discussed amendments.

¹ Applicants' representative notes that although Claims 22, 25, 27, 120, 123, and 125 were cancelled in the After Advisory Action Amendment filed on November 19, 2008, the rejection of these claims were maintained in the December 4, 2008 Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 8-18, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-116, 121, 122, 124, 126 and 127 are allowed. Applicants' representative also thanks the Examiner for the indication in the May 22, 2008 Office Action that Claims 20 and 118 include allowable subject matter and would be allowed if re-written in independent form.

As noted above, Claims 19 and 117 have been amended to include the features of allowable Claims 20 and 118, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that each of the now pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §102 and §103

Claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 117, 119, 120 and 123 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0103489 to MacInnis et al. ("MacInnis").

With respect to Claims 22, 25, 120, and 123, as noted above, Claims 22, 25, 120, and 123 were cancelled in the Applicant's After Advisory Action Amendment filed on November 19, 2008, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

With respect to Claims 19 and 117, Claims 19 and 117 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 20 and 118, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that MacInnis does not disclose "a tiled graphics image" now recited in Claims 19 and 117.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of independent Claims 19 and 117, and dependent Claims 21 and 119, under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on MacInnis is respectfully requested.

Claims 27 and 125 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,629,720 to Cherry et al. ("Cherry"). As noted above, Claims 27 and 125 were cancelled in the Applicant's After Advisory Action Amendment filed on November 19, 2008, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicants' Attorney believes all of the pending Claims in the application are now in condition for allowance.

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